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Claim Amendments

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1(Twice Amended). A gate valve [for controlling the flow of fluid through a component having a fluid flow passage that includes at least a first branch and a second branch, the gate valve] comprising:

an elongated body;

a fluid flow passage which extends generally longitudinally through the body and includes at least a lateral first branch connected to a longitudinal second branch;

a gate cavity which is formed in the body and which communicates with both the first branch and the second branch;

a gate which is movably positioned in the gate cavity and which includes a first flow port that is connected to a second flow port; and

means for actuating the gate between an open position, in which the first flow port is aligned with the first branch and the second flow port is in communication with the second branch, and a closed position, in which the first flow port is offset from the first branch;

wherein the gate further comprises a generally flat face which is adapted to seal the first branch from the gate cavity when the gate is in the closed position to thereby prevent the fluid from flowing between the first branch and the gate cavity; and

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wherein the actuating means is disposed at least partially within a conduit that extends generally longitudinally through the body from the gate cavity.

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